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In re Application of:) Group Art Unit:
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Serial No.:)
Filed: herewith) **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**
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Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

After the title and before the first line, please insert --This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/097,966, filed June 16, 1998, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-26 and 31-34.

Please amend the following claims:

27. (Amended) A vial comprising a [precision] bored interior having a consistent dimension configured to hold a frit for retaining material within the vial above the frit and maintain a consistent flow through the [precision] bored interior during a flushing procedure by only forming a pressure differential to expel material from the vial.

29. (Amended) A vial comprising an exterior dimension configured to fit within a receiving hole of a cartridge thereby providing a pressure-tight seal between the vial and the cartridge and a [precision] bored interior having a consistent dimension to maintain a consistent flow through the [precision] bored interior during [a] flushing [procedure] procedures by only forming a pressure differential to expel material from the vial.

30. (Amended) The vial according to claim 29 further comprising a frit positioned within the [precision] bored interior to retain material within the vial above the frit.

Please add the following new claim:

35. (New) A vial comprising:
- a. a bored interior having a consistent dimension configured to hold a frit for retaining material above the frit and maintain a consistent flow through the bored interior during a flushing procedure by only forming a pressure differential to expel material from the vial;
 - b. a top opening through which material is dispensed into the bored interior;
 - c. a bottom opening of a diameter to retain material within the bored interior when no pressure differential is applied and through which material is flushed during the flushing procedure; and
 - d. an exterior dimension configured to form a pressure-tight seal between the vial and a cartridge when the vial is inserted into a receiving hold of the cartridge.

REMARKS

This case is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/097,966 filed on June 16, 1998 which was subject to a Restriction Requirement. The Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above preliminary amendment. By this preliminary amendment applicants have cancelled Claims 1-26 and 31-34 and added the new Claim 35. Accordingly, after the above preliminary amendment Claims 27-30 and 35 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 833-0160 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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